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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Wilson

SUBJECT: NVA/VC Offensive as Early as December 1974?

1. We have received information that the Communists intend to launch heavy attacks in South Vietnam's MR's 2 and 3 commencing in Early December.

2. This information comes from [redacted] South Vietnam. He has a reasonably good track record for accurate reporting in the past.

3. The DCI has directed the Southeast Asia NIO to provide this information to the President and the Secretary of State immediately.

4. To this end, the SEA/NIO has called an intelligence community meeting for the purpose of preparing a draft of a cable which will be dispatched this evening.

5. I have attached a copy of this key DDO cable which purports to present the "COSVN Resolution for 1975."

6. As is always the case, Communist intentions in South Vietnam are never layed out for you on a silver platter. However, the length of the message, the choice of words, and the fact that this purported 1975 Resolution is action-oriented (as opposed to the 1974 Resolution which was policy oriented) give this report a sense of authenticity.

7. As you know, a COSVN source will never address the issues of northern South Vietnam so we do not know if Communist intentions are country-wide.

8. Be that as it may, the attached report is strong stuff and a very important indicator concerning Hanoi's 1975 intentions. You will recall that penetration of COSVN I identified as one of our two key indicators (the other being the deployment of Hanoi's strategic reserve).

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Colonel, USMC

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